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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated August 22, 2006, please amend the claims as indicated herein.